

THE MBR'S NEWSLETTER

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FOREWORD BY THE REGISTRAR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dr. Geraldine Spiteri Lucas

This quarter has been remarkable for the Malta Business Registry (MBR), marked by significant strides in digitalization, community engagement, and active participation on the international stage.

A key milestone was the Mandatory Submission of Company Incorporations and Dissolutions, which came into effect on March 1st. This long-anticipated initiative has already demonstrated its efficiency, with both practitioners and industry stakeholders adapting swiftly. Internally, our highly capable employees have embraced this transition, recognizing its immediate benefits—most notably, a more direct engagement with practitioners. The system's self-guided approach has expedited company incorporations, reducing processing times to just a few days, minimizing inefficiencies, and ensuring accurate documentation.

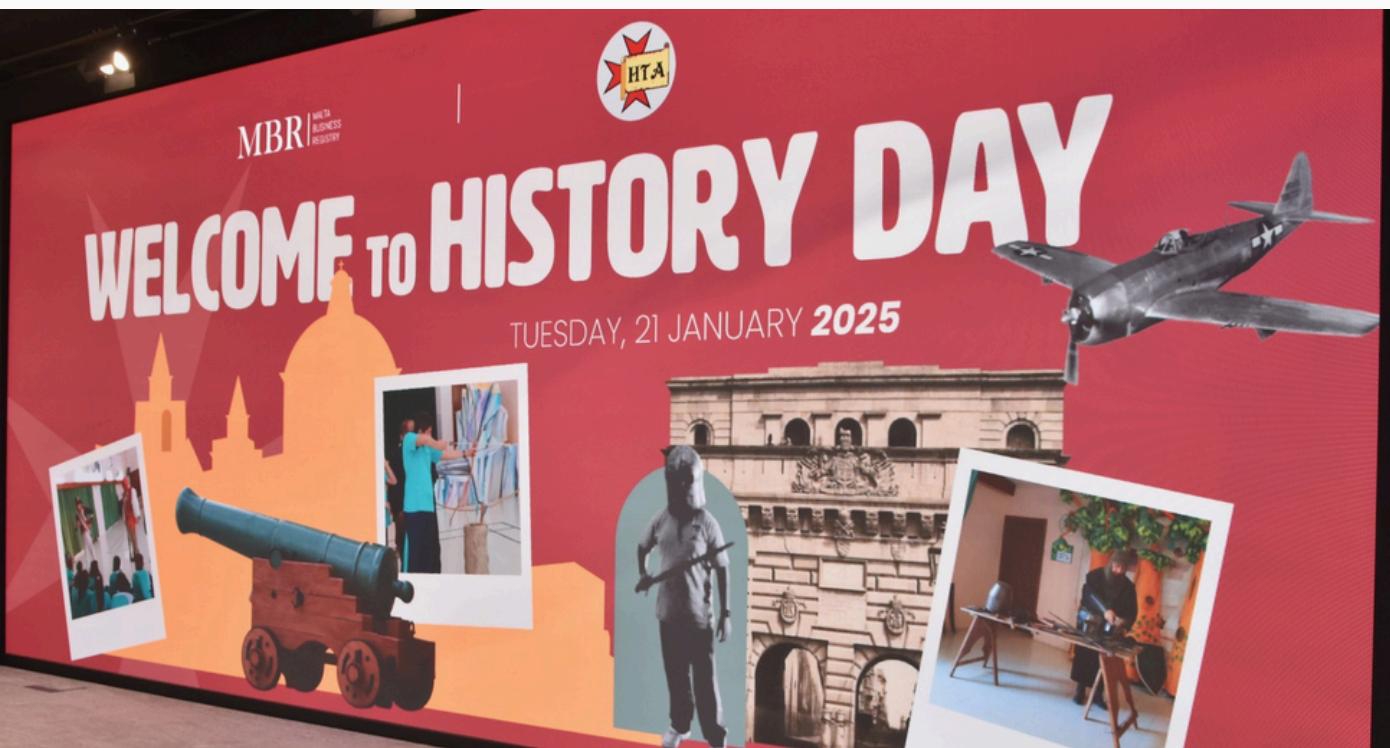
Our jurisdiction's growing influence has further strengthened our position on the international stage. The Malta Business Registry had the honor of hosting the Corporate Registers Forum Global Working Group on Beneficial Ownership from March 25th to 27th, 2025. This pivotal event brought together key stakeholders to discuss transparency in Beneficial Ownership (BO), featuring expert speakers from Moneyval, the EU Commission, and various business registries. Over the course of three intensive days, participants explored challenges, compliance strategies, and best practices for cross-border collaboration.

A particularly noteworthy highlight was the presence of Ms. Louise Smyth, President of the Corporate Registers Forum, who will be retiring from Companies House in August. Her visit underscored the enduring friendship between Malta and the United Kingdom—one we are keen to strengthen further.

Beyond the corporate sphere, this quarter also saw a strong commitment to community engagement. In collaboration with the History Teachers' Association (HTA), the MBR successfully organized a History Day for secondary students. More than 200 students and their teachers participated in this immersive event, which brought history to life through re-enactments, falconry demonstrations, archery sessions, and cutting-edge Virtual Reality experiences. The event provided a dynamic, hands-on approach to learning, making history more engaging and relevant.

Looking ahead, the upcoming quarter is already packed with exciting initiatives. Our next event will focus on family businesses, providing essential insights for those navigating this important economic sector.

I look forward to welcoming you to our upcoming events and keeping you updated on the latest developments in the corporate and registry fields.

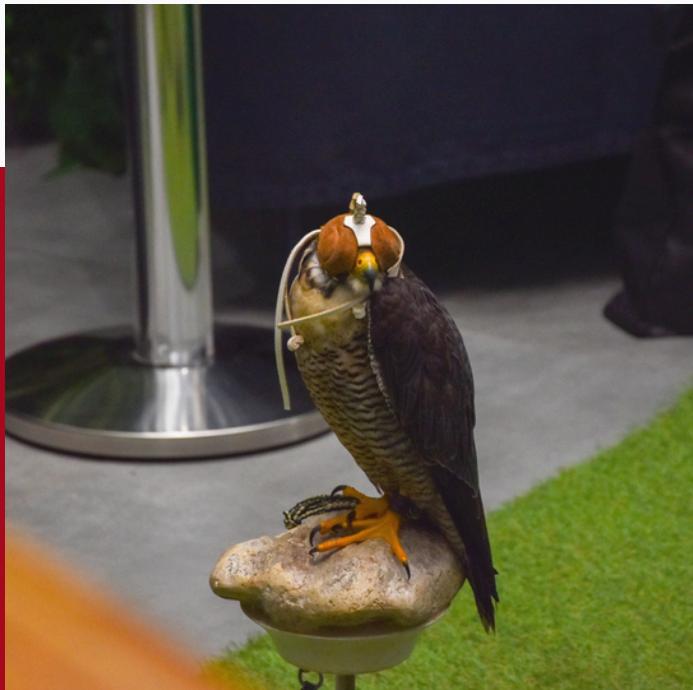


THE MBR HOSTS HISTORY DAY

The Malta Business Registry in collaboration with the History Teachers' Association hosted **HISTORY Day**.

During this event, year 8 & 9 students had the opportunity to go back in time through engaging exhibits and interactive workshops.

It was of great satisfaction to see students engaging in history outside their classroom through a hands-on experience.





MANDATORY SUBMISSION OF INCORPORATIONS OF COMPANIES AND DISSOLUTIONS AS FROM 1ST MARCH 2025

The Malta Business Registry (MBR) hereby informs that starting from March 1, 2025, all company incorporations, dissolutions documents – (Companies regulated by the Companies Act, 1995 – (Form B (1) – Notice of dissolution and voluntary winding up, Form B (2) – Declaration of Solvency together with a statement of assets and liabilities, Form L – Notice of appointment of liquidator), Form L (3) – Notice of Resignation of Liquidator, Form L (4) – Liquidator's Statement with respect to pending winding up, and the accounts, scheme of distribution and auditors report, and the liquidators return), (Companies regulated by the Merchant Shipping Regulations – Form S – Notice of dissolution, Form P – Notice of appointment of liquidator, Form T – Notice of resignation of liquidator, Statement of Liquidator with respect to pending winding up (Reg. 131 (1), Accounts scheme of distribution and auditors report, Form Q – Notice of completion of liquidation, Liquidators Return), must be submitted through the MBR's online system, BAROS (Business Automation Registry Online System). This transition highlights MBR's persistent dedication to evolving into a



fully paperless agency, building on earlier efforts. The initiative is designed to enhance processing efficiency while fostering a more sustainable and eco-friendly approach.

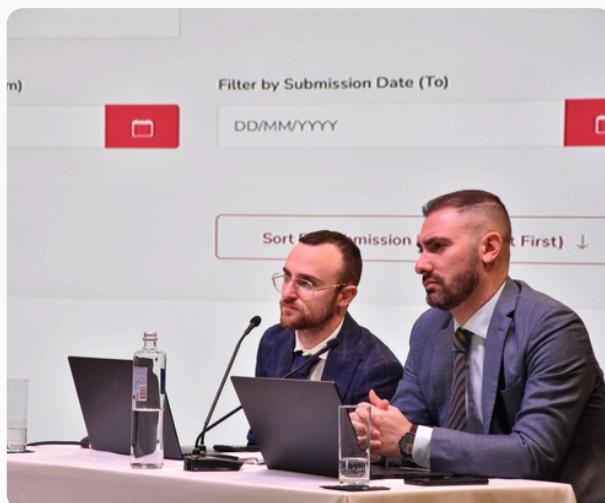
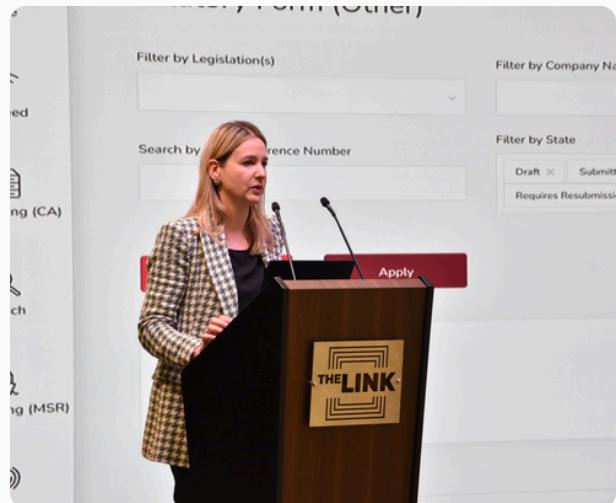
Dr. Geraldine Spiteri Lucas, CEO and Registrar of MBR, emphasized that the success of BAROS has underscored the industry's need for continued digital transformation to benefit practitioners, clients, and the sector. Such step follows extensive discussions with stakeholders and practitioners who played a crucial part in the transition process.

"The ability to incorporate companies online has been eagerly awaited by the industry. With the proper submission of required documents (including due diligence documents) and being fully compliant with legal requirements, companies can be incorporated

within 24 hours. Something that many practitioners adapted to, it strengthened Malta's competitiveness and now it is the apt time to enforce such measure. Similarly, online company dissolutions will not only shorten waiting times but also improve monitoring processes. These initiatives are set to streamline processes, eliminate unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles, and compliment other projects headed by the MBR to ultimately offer holistic services" explained Dr Geraldine Spiteri Lucas.

Detailed instructions and support resources can be found on the following [link](#).

In addition to this, the MBR also delivered a training session:



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CRF BO WORKING GROUP MEETING IN MALTA 2025

The Malta Business Registry hosted the CRF Global Working Beneficial Ownership Group. Registers from across the globe discussed the challenges and established better means of collaboration.

This event served as a vital platform for dialogue and collaboration, which brought together key stakeholders to discuss the challenges and advancements in beneficial ownership (BO) transparency.

The meeting's agenda was packed with insightful presentations and workshops, featuring expert speakers from Moneyval, the EU Commission, and various business registries.



MS LOUISE SMYTH CEO AT COMPANIES HOUSE

We were honoured to have Ms Louise Smyth present at the BO Working Group Meeting 2025 for her last physical CRF event before retiring from CEO of Companies House in August.





TRAINING SEMINAR



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Monday, 28th April 2025
08:30am - 12:00pm

The Link Hall, **Malta Business Registry**
AM Business Centre, Labour Road, Żejtun, ŻTN 2401

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